

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a ~~listing of a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type of one of the plurality of file types~~, wherein a set of relevant textual properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

receiving a first user selection of a first textual property for the first file type ~~of the file~~;
and

receiving a second user selection of a second textual property for the second file type,
wherein the second textual property is different from the first textual property;

~~in response to the user selection, displaying a first value of the selected first textual property in the vicinity of at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file;~~ and

displaying a second value of the selected second textual property at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

~~wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of another of the file types.~~

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 20, wherein said receiving a first user selection includes receiving the user selection of the first textual property from a list of the relevant textual properties of the first file type.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 20.

Claim 25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant textual properties for ~~one of the~~ the first file types is different from the set of relevant properties of for the other-second file types.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A method for displaying items in a computer operating system, the method comprising the steps of:

- associating a first item type with a first property;
- associating a second item type with a second property, wherein the first property is different from the second property and not associated with the second item type;
- displaying a listing of a plurality of items, wherein the plurality of items comprises a first item of the first item type and a second item of the second item type;
- displaying for each item in the listing a graphical representation, a name, and a slot;
- displaying in the slot of the first item a textual value for the first property of the first item;
- and
- displaying in the slot of the second item a textual value for the second property of the second item.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 27, wherein the first item type comprises a first file format and the second item type comprises a second file format.